



## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

**[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0046]**

#### **QPS Evaluation Services: Grant of Expansion of Recognition**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for QPS Evaluation Services Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2110; email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov). OSHA's web page

includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Notice of Final Decision**

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of QPS Evaluation Services Inc. (QPS) as an NRTL. QPS's expansion covers the addition of one test standard to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the Federal Register in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency's web site at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

QPS submitted an application, dated July 28, 2014, (OSHA-2010-0046-0005) to expand its recognition to include one additional test standard. OSHA staff performed a

detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information.

OSHA performed an on-site review in relation to this application on July 16-17, 2015.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing QPS's expansion application in the Federal Register on January 22, 2016 (81 FR 3832). The Agency requested comments by February 8, 2016, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of QPS's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to QPS's application, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-2625, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA-2010-0046 contains all materials in the record concerning QPS's recognition.

## **II. Final Decision and Order**

OSHA staff examined QPS's expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that QPS meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the specified limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant QPS's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of QPS's recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standard listed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

**List of Appropriate Test Standard for Inclusion in QPS's**

**NRTL Scope of Recognition**

<b>Test Standard</b>	<b>Test Standard Title</b>
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Test Standard	Test Standard Title
ANSI/AAMI ES 60601-1: 2005/(R)2012	Medical Electrical Equipment – Part 1: General Requirements for Basic Safety and Essential Performance.

OSHA’s recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, an NRTL’s scope of recognition does not include these products.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, QPS must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. QPS must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its operations as an NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. QPS must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. QPS must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on QPS’s scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of QPS, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

**Authority and Signature**

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 20, 2016.

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